

Government of Uttar Pradesh, provision of Rs. 10.00 crores by the central Government for establishing a separate electrical grid for meeting the power requirements of Moradabad.

Also action has been taken to set up wood seasoning plants and common facilities service centres at Tirupati, Jodhpur, Trivandrum, Mysore & Chennapatna. Besides, three seasoning plants have been set up at Saharanpur.

Branches of Nationalised Banks and RRBs in Gujarat

4277. SHRI DILEEP SANGHANI :
SHRI VIJAY PATEL :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of nationalised banks and rural banks functioning in Gujarat during the last three years;

(b) whether the Government propose to open the branches of these banks in every district and village in Gujarat; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : (a) As reported by Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the number of branches of Nationalised Banks and Regional Rural Banks functioning in Gujarat as at the end of March 1994, March 1995 and March 1996 are given below :

Period	Nationalised Bank branches	Regional Rural Bank branches
March 1994	2229	428
March 1995	2231	429
March 1996	2245	424

(b) and (c) Reserve Bank of India have reported that having broadly achieved the objectives of providing adequate banking infrastructure with branch network of over 60,000 at the end of 1985-90, it was decided that there was no need to evolve any branch expansion programme with specific targets, such as, population coverage, as was being done in the past. Accordingly, in the 1990-95 Branch Expansion Programme and thereafter, the decision to open branches at centres of their choice has been left to the discretion of individual banks.

RBI has further reported that on the basis of proposals received during the period 1.4.95 to 28.2.97 from the banks, 37 centres have been allotted to Nationalised Banks

and 5 centres to Regional Rural Banks for opening branches in Gujarat.

[Translation]

Use of Hindi

4278. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry has modern gadgets installed such as computer, telex, teleprinting etc. which are in Roman script and these are being converted into bilingual;

(b) if so, the manner in which these bilingual gadgets likely to be put into use by the Ministry;

(c) the manner in which the use of Hindi likely to be promote projected

(d) whether the Ministry has given exemption for use of Hindi to their offices located in Region ('A' where work has to be done cent per cent in Hindi; and

(e) if so, the reasons of for giving such as exemption ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA) : (a) to (c) Modern gadgets such as computer and telex machines have been installed in the Ministry of Textiles and are functioning bilingually.

The use of these gadgets bilingually facilitates the progressive use of Hindi in official work.

(d) No, Sir

(e) Does not arise.

[English]

Permission to Proceed Against FIs

4279. DR. B.N. REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have made obligatory to seek its permission by premier investigating agencies before proceeding against Financial Institutions;

(b) if so, the details of the financial institutions against which investigating agencies have sought permission to proceed against them; and

(c) in how many cases permission have been given or denied by the Government during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : (a)